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George,

The costs to date associated with Fiscal.WA.gov are imprecise; what can be said is that it took approximately eight months and \$300K (\$200K employee-related costs and \$100K in non-employee-related costs) to originally deploy, and that deployment was ahead of schedule. It should be noted that LEAP leveraged existing physical and logical infrastructure, existing reporting formats and stored procedures, and the expertise and insights of eight staff with an average longevity of nearly 20 years dealing with Washington State fiscal matters. A very rough estimate of ongoing costs would be \$100K annually. So--again, with significant approximation--the costs to date for deploying, maintaining, and enhancing the website approach \$400K since mid-2008.

Please let us know if you have further questions,

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From: gblazek@samadamsalliance.org [mailto:gblazek@samadamsalliance.org]

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To: LEAP

Subject: Fiscal Reports Feedback

Hello,

I work on behalf of the Sunshine Review Project. The goal of the project is to promote government transparency. To that end, we have a wiki, www.sunshinereview.org. The wiki has information about local governments, and it also has a checklist system to evaluate local government transparency.

I am writing an article about the cost of constructing government transparency websites. I tried to find recent information about how much was spent to make Washington Fiscal Information, but I had no success.

Do you know how much (to date) it has cost to make Washington Fiscal Information? If not Washington Fiscal Information specifically, do you know how much is spent to manage the Washington website?

Thanks,
George